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*The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
400 South Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399
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Dear Governor DeSantis:

It is with great pleasure that we write in strong support of your Surgeon General pick, Dr. Scott Rivkees. We have worked closely with Dr. Rivkees in the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics for the last 7 years. For the past 6 months, he has been serving on our Executive Committee as Treasurer. I believe we know him well.

We have found Dr. Rivkees to be a caring and hard-working man who is brilliant and a natural leader in the field of medicine. In the Florida Chapter of the AAP, he has been very active in mentoring medical students and residents in their research during our Annual Conferences. This extra job takes a lot of time, especially given his very busy schedule as Chairman of the largest Pediatric Department in the state. Yet he does it annually with great joy. He has a great personality, and the staff of the Florida Chapter have very much enjoyed working with him.

We are certain he will do a fantastic job as your Surgeon General. He is a brilliant man, a superb physician, and a true gentleman. All of us in the Florida Chapter are very excited about your pick. We also appreciate all your work for the citizens of Florida.

Sincerely,

D. Paul Robinson, MD, FAAP

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